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Subject: Action required - Ongoing public interest in BP Whiting

Folks

We continue to receive press and public calls on the BP Whiting response.

Although reporters and the general public have been referred to our website and to the US Coast Guard, calls are coming in.

The current list includes, Chicago Tribune; NW Indiana Times; Better Government Association; Alliance for the Great Lakes. We can expect continued interest.

Typical questions include:

The BP discharge into Lake Michigan raises questions about the safety and oversight of the plant. Will Indiana regulators continue to provide the lion's share of the refinery's oversight? Will US EPA provide additional monitoring or oversight?

What safeguards are in place to protect Lake Michigan, the source of drinking water for millions of Illinois residents, from pollution discharged from industrial sites in Indiana.

To what extent does the US EPA have direct oversight of the plant as it pertains to the safety of Lake Michigan?

Will US EPA allow the Coast Guard to take care of the matter without issuing its own order or penalty?

What is the EPA currently doing in regards to the BP oil spill in Lake Michigan?

Were any regulations violated? Are any enforcement actions being pursued or contemplated?

What is the scope of the investigation, and what progress has been made thus far? What preventative measures are taking place to ensure it won't happen again?

When will the follow-up inspection of the lake and shoreline take place this summer, and what is the purpose of that? Why such a long waiting period?

How much oil was spilled?

How much was recovered?

Will there be any enforcement action?

Your thoughts?

Thanks

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